The Life of Cleone Kurtz

• The memorial service for Cleone F. Kurtz of Groton, formerly of Pierpont and Webster, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 23, 2013 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Pierpont, with Pastor Paul Kosel officiating.

• Cleone died Monday, August 19th at USD Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD at the age of 64.

• Cleone Faye Peterson was born July 9, 1949 at Veblen, SD to Charles Henry and Doris Viola (Henning) Peterson. As a youngster, she moved with her family to Webster and later to Pierpont, where she graduated from Pierpont High School in 1968.

• In August of 1969, she was united in marriage with LaVern Lutz. They remained together for the next 11 years. During that time, they lived on a farm near Andover, and later made their home in Groton and Pierpont before moving to Webster. While living in Webster, Cleone worked as a nursing assistant at the Bethesda Home and as a home health aide.

• In the late 1990's, Cleone married Ken Kurtz. Over the next 13 years, they lived in Ashton and Athol, SD where Cleone continued her work as a nursing assistant and worked at the State Hospital in Redfield, as well as continuing her home health assistance. In 2010, Cleone moved to Groton and has lived there since that time. Failing health made it necessary for her to move to the Golden Living in Groton about a year ago.

• Cleone was confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Pierpont. She truly had a green thumb and loved her many plants. She also enjoyed playing cards with her neighbors.

• Grateful for having shared her life are her two sons: Vernon (Leny) Lutz of Edmond, OK; Ronald (Teresa) Lutz of Henry, SD; seven grandchildren; and six siblings: Diane Hanson of Pierpont; Jerome Peterson of Sykeston, ND; Norman Peterson of Pierpont; Jeanette "Nettie" (Charles) Lemmon of Pierpont; Kari (Darin) Malsam of Roscoe, SD; and Elaine (Hagel) Nieman of Aberdeen.

• Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Rodney Peterson.